GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF AROMATIC PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to cultivate aromatic plants and to set up floriculture zone in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal of the Ministry of Agriculture to set up a floriculture zone in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. However, in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands,the Department of Agriculture is providing financial assistance to the farmers under the National Horticulture Mission for cultivation of aromatic crops and flowers.

During 2006-07,an outlay of Rs. 11.25 lakh was provided for cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in 100 hectares of land. Further, a sum of Rs. 5.20 lakh was provided for development of floriculture in 20 ha. of land. Besides,the National Horticulture Board has also sanctioned a project for cultivation of Vanilla in 5 acres in Ferarganj of South Andaman.